
Introduced by Senator Dunn

February 18, 2005

An act to amend Section 1599.64 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to long-term health care facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 533, as introduced, Dunn. Long-term health care facilities: admission contracts.

Existing law prescribes the manner in which a contract of admission to a long-term health care facility and an abbreviated contract of admission to a respite care facility should be printed and written. Existing law also requires a statement in an abbreviated contract of admission explaining the lack of coverage by Medi-Cal and discharge date.

This bill would additionally require a statement in an abbreviated contract of admission stating whether or not the facility is covered by liability insurance.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1599.64 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 1599.64. (a) All abbreviated contracts of admission and
- 4 contracts of admission shall be printed in black type of not less
- 5 than 10-point type size, on plain white paper. The print shall
- 6 appear on one side of the paper only.
- 7 (b) The contract shall be written in clear, coherent, and
- 8 unambiguous language, using words with common and everyday

1 meanings. It shall be appropriately divided, and each section
2 captioned.

3 (c) An abbreviated contract of admission shall include a
4 statement indicating that respite care services, as defined in
5 Section 1418.1, provided by the skilled nursing facility or
6 intermediate care facility is not a Medi-Cal covered service and
7 can only be provided by the facility on a private-pay or
8 third-party payor basis, unless the person is participating in a
9 Medicaid waiver program pursuant to Section 1396n of Title 42
10 of the United States Code, or other respite care service already
11 covered by the Medi-Cal program.

12 (d) An abbreviated contract of admission shall specify the
13 discharge date agreed to upon admission by the skilled nursing
14 facility or intermediate care facility and the person being
15 admitted or his or her representative. This discharge date shall be
16 binding as a ground for discharge in addition to any other ground
17 for discharge pursuant to federal or state law and regulations.

18 (e) An abbreviated contract of admission shall include a
19 statement informing the person being admitted for respite care
20 services that the contract is designed specifically for the
21 provision of respite care services and cannot be used for any
22 other type of admission to the facility.

23 (f) *An abbreviated contract of admission shall include a*
24 *statement informing the person being admitted whether or not the*
25 *facility is currently covered by liability insurance.*